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Response Due Date: November 5, 2004

Christopher J. Ward, Treasurer National Republican Congressional Committee 320 First Street Washington, DC 20003

Identification Number: C00075820

Reference:

Amended June Monthly Report (5/01/04-5/31/04), received 9/10/04

Dear Mr. Ward:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. As adequate response must be received at the Commission by the response date noted above. An itemization of the information needed follows:

-Schedule B of your report discloses one or more contributions to Fortenberry for Congress for the retirement of debts incurred by the 2004 Primary election campaign; however, it appears that the recipient committee(s) had insufficient debts to warrant such a contribution. Please note that a committee may only designate contributions to retire a candidate's debts if those debts exist.

If any apparently impermissible contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you should amend your original report with clarifying information.

If you have made an impermissible contribution, you must request a refund or provide a written authorization for a redesignation of the contribution pursuant to 11 CFR §110.2(b) within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt.

If the foregoing conditions for redesignations were not met within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt, your committee must obtain a refund.

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Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide a photocopy of the refund or redesignation request sent to the recipient committee(s). In addition, refunds are reported on Line 16 of the Detailed Summary Page and on Schedule A of the report covering the period during which they are received. Redesignations are reported as memo entries on Schedule B of the report covering the period during which the redesignation is made. 11 CFR §110.2(b)

Although the Commission may take further legal action regarding this impermissible activity, your prompt action in obtaining a refund and/or redesignating the contribution(s) will be taken into consideration.

-The beginning cash balance of this report should equal the ending balance of your 2004 Amended May Monthly Report, received 8/20/04. Please clarify this discrepancy and amend any subsequent report(s) that may be affected by this correction.

The totals listed on Lines 7, 23, 31 and 32, Column B of the Summary and Detailed Summary Page(s) appear to be incorrect. Please be advised that you should add the "Calendar Year-to-Date" total from your previous report to the current "Total This Period" figure from Column A to derive the correct Column B totals. Please amend your report and any subsequent reports that may be affected by this correction.

-Schedule A of your report discloses an aggregate year-to-date total(s) for a contribution(s) received from several individuals which appears to be incorrect. Please amend your report to provide the correct aggregate year-to-date total(s).

-Line 23 of the Detailed Summary Page of your report discloses a total of \$15,000 in contributions to federal candidates / committees. The sum of the entries itemized on Schedule B, however, indicates the total to be \$16,555.82. Please amend your report to clarify the discrepancy.

Unlike previous election cycles, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses received on or before this date will be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered. Failure to provide an adequate response by this date may result in an audit of the committee. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action.

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Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our tell-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1153.

Sincerely,

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